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Law School Report

Erma Hallett Jaeckle '36 receives SUNY honorary doctorate

A longtime friend of UB Law School who has made her home in Florida now has a piece of New York to remember it by: a State University of New York honorary doctorate in law, the highest honor that can be presented by the State University system.

Only a few honorary degrees are awarded each year to outstanding individuals whose personal and professional accomplishments have exceptional significance on both state and national levels. Selection is based upon the recommendation of college presidents and faculties and by a statewide committee.

UB President and Professor William R. Greiner presented the honorary degree to Erma Hallett Jaeckle '36 in St. Petersburg, Fla. Also in attendance were Jennifer A. McDonough UB Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations and Carol Greiner, wife of the president.

A pioneering female lawyer, Mrs. Jaeckle was one of only four women in her graduating class. Mrs. Jaeckle spent much of her career as a trial lawyer specializing in matrimonial and custody matters, as well as handling adoptions and probate. She eventually formed the first firm in her area in which all of the partners were women.

Mrs. Jaeckle was also involved in the St. Petersburg community. She was a founder and first president of Altrusa International, a women's service organization, and helped found the St. Petersburg Business and Professional Women's Club, of which she was also the first president. She was a leader in the St. Petersburg Bar Association, serving as one of the first women on its executive board.

Her support of the Law School has been substantial and sustained over her long career of professional achievement. In announcing the award, Greiner said: "Erma Hallett Jaeckle has left an indelible mark on the UB Law School, providing generations of UB Law students the

opportunity to develop expertise in the state and regional governmental institutions. Her leadership has provided the inspiration and support to bring UB Law students into greater contact with community public service agencies, and the Law School is stronger and more vibrant thanks to her depth of commitment."

In nominating Mrs. Jaeckle for the honorary degree, Law School Dean Nils Olsen noted that she "inspired and paved the way for thousands of women to have meaningful legal careers. The transformation in the profession that has occurred since she began making inroads has been extraordinary. The profession and society at large have been greatly enriched because women, a pool of talent that was formerly excluded, now comprise more than one-third of the members of the profession."

Olsen also noted that Mrs. Jaeckle, besides significant individual support from herself and her late husband, Edwin F. Jaeckle '15, has helped lead UB's advancement and development program by serving as an honorary co-chairperson of the University's ongoing capital campaign, the most ambitious ever in the SUNY system.

Mrs. Jaeckle is especially proud of the Law School's Edwin F. Jaeckle Center for State and Local Government. The Jaeckle Center exposes students to the intricate problems that arise in the public sector and helps agencies develop innovative solutions. For example, one Jaeckle Center project informed county governments across the state of alternative sources of funding available for providing health care to poor residents, thus eliminating the need for many millions of dollars in Medicaid expenses. As a result of legal work done primarily by law students, the center has also obtained over \$60 million in financing for the construction and management of affordable housing.



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— President William R. Greiner



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